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United States Senate

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Thomas DiNanno
Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street SW, 3N
Washington, DC 20472-3635

Re: City of Fort Wayne Fire Department FY 2017 AFG application -- DHS-17-GPD-044-00-99

Dear Mr. DiNanno:

As Senator from the State of Indiana, I am working to ensure that all communities have the safety equipment needed to fully address the security of the area they serve. The City of Fort Wayne Fire Department (FWFD) serves the second largest city in Indiana, and needs to replace a damaged and obsolete compressor/fill station in order to provide reliable, quality air supply for SCBA fills and keep its 353 member active force prepared and ready to respond.

FWFD serves an urban population of an estimated population of over 264,000 as well as providing mutual aid within the boundaries of Allen County, of which it is the county seat. It operates 18 stations and 27 staffed apparatus and typically responds to over 20,000 calls each year. It is working to replace all SCBA cylinders and will need a new Auto Cascade fill system to work with them. The new system will replace a 27 year old system that is damaged, obsolete and unable to operate at the needed capacity. Funding from the AFG program will enable FWFD to purchase this new system in order to provide its firefighters with the protection needed for fire and rescue calls.

A well-equipped fire department is essential to the safety of our citizens. I encourage a favorable review of the City of Fort Wayne Fire Department application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in accordance with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being notified when a decision is made. Questions and announcements can be directed to my office by contacting Marianne Black at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or by telephone at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator